



**2022 QATAR OFF-ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Round 1 / MOTORCYCLES**  
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**1/ General Regulations / Article 3 – Calendar (update)**

Round	Type of event	Date
Round 1	Cross-Country Baja 1	25/26 February
Round 2	Survival 1	11/12 March
Round 3	Cross-Country Baja 2	23/24 March
Round 4	Cross-Country Baja 3	26 March
Round 5	Survival 2	<i>tba</i>
Round 6	Survival 3	<i>tba</i>

The organising committee reserves the right to modify the calendar and/or to cancel any round particularly if less than 7 vehicles have been entered.

**2/ General Regulations / Article 15.4 – Fuel / Refuel (update)**

All vehicles must have sufficient fuel range with conforming fuel tanks to cover between official refuelling points

- at least 80 km on rounds ~~1 to 4~~ **1, 2, 5 and 6**
- at least 125 km on rounds ~~5 and 6~~ **3 and 4**.

An extra safety margin of 10% is recommended.

**3/ General Regulations / Article 16 – Tyres (update)**

2022 FIM Bajas World Cup Regulations **Technical Rules Cross-Country Rallies** article 01.47 ~~(tbc)~~ applies.

**4/ General Regulations / Article 20.2 – 2022 QORC / moto classification (update)**

On ~~the last two rounds~~ **round 3 and round 4**, competitors may score points either participating in the international event (FIM Qatar International Baja) or in the National one running behind the main event. In any case, only competitors who have participated at least in one of the first ~~four~~ **two** rounds of the championship will be eligible to score points. All the remaining competitors may not score points nor deprive eligible competitors of points.

**5/ General Regulations / Appendix 2 – Cross-Country Baja specific regulations (update)**

**8. Control zones**

2022 FIM Bajas World Cup Regulations article ~~(tba)~~ **82.18** applies.

**9. Passage Controls**

2022 FIM Bajas World Cup Regulations article ~~(tba)~~ **82.21** applies.

**10. Crossroad Controls**

2022 FIM Bajas World Cup Regulations article ~~(tba)~~ **82.22** applies.

## 6/ ROUND 1 - SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS *(new)*

6.1 See Appendix 2 of 2022 QORC General Regulations (Cross-Country Baja Specific Regulations).

### 6.2 Programme

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thu, 17/02	17.00h	Closing date for entries with reduced fees	Rally Office
Wed, 23/02	17.00h	Closing date for entries	
Thu, 24/02	13.00h	Publication of the entry list	
Fri, 25/02	13.00 / 14.00h	Administrative checks – Odd numbers	
	14.00 / 15.00h	Administrative checks – Even numbers	
	14.00 / 15.00h	Scrutineering – Odd numbers	
	15.00 / 16.00h	Scrutineering – Even numbers	
	17.30h	Briefing	
		Publication of the start list and start times	
Sat, 26/02	07.00 / 07.15h	Vehicles enter pre-start holding area	<i>tba</i>
	07.30h	Start of the Baja	
	(1)	Post-event scrutineering	
	12.30h	Publication of provisional classification	

(1) Immediately after the arrival of the first vehicles

### 6.3 Navigation / Tracking / Safety equipment

A deposit of 1500 QR (one thousand five hundred) is required for the Stella / Tracking / Safety equipment, which is refundable at the end of the baja after the receipt of all equipment in good condition.

### 6.4 Starting order

For the first championship Baja round, starting order will be decided by lottery draw at administrative checks.

### 6.5 Service

See article 14 of 2022 QORC General Regulations.

A service park will be set close to the start/finish area.

Service is permitted only at the service park.

During the baja the time spent by a competitor at the service park will not be deducted from his/her total stage time.

Access to the service park is limited to the rider and a maximum of two team members with appropriate identification.

### 6.6 Holding area

Motorcycles must check in at the start holding area where any kind of service or refuelling is forbidden.

Access to the holding area is limited to riders with appropriate identification.

Any delay on the presentation at the time control installed at the entrance of the holding area will result in the following penalties:

from 1 to 15 minutes	200 QAR
from 16 to 30 minutes	400 QAR
> 30 minutes	Start may be denied

### 6.7 Road book distribution

The road book will be distributed to each rider the moment his motorcycle enters the start holding area.

## 6.8 Event format

### Itinerary

The itinerary of the baja, with a total length of approx. 140 km, is made of two laps which route may differ. Clear tracks defined by a precise road book will be used for the purpose.

The respect of the itinerary and particularly the passage by a certain number of waypoints will be controlled by STELLA equipment.

### Neutralisation between the two laps

Between the finish of the first lap and the start of the second one there will be a neutralisation of 15 minutes exclusively dedicated to the refuelling of the motorcycle. During this period only actions directly involved in the refuelling of the motorcycle are permitted.

Solely for the purpose of assisting with the refuelling procedure of the motorcycle and to provide drinkable fluids to the rider, one team member with wristband may access the refuelling area.

It is recommended that this team member wears goggles and homologated clothing, and it is mandatory to wear long clothes.

Engines must be switched off throughout the refuelling operation.

The use of mobile phones and radio communication is forbidden while in the refuelling zone.

The responsibility for refuelling (conformity and quantity) is on the competitor alone.

### Re-start after neutralisation

The start time at the end of a neutralisation will be given by Stella equipment.

Once the entry WP of the neutralisation has been validated, a countdown will start with the time allowed to restart after neutralisation.

20 m before the start for following lap there will be a yellow panel with a black flag; the competitor may only cross this panel in the 60 last seconds before his due time to restart after neutralisation.

A red panel with a black flag will indicate the restart location after neutralisation.

At the start line after neutralisation, the rider must stop and wait until the start signal is given electronically by the NAV-GPS System. Control officials will be present to monitor the correct start procedure.

The respect of the target time for the neutralisation is the sole responsibility of the rider.

In case of a delay at the restart, the rider will be considered to have started at its target start time.

However, the rider must stop at the start line and follow the instructions of the control officials.

If a rider does not stop at the start line, or will start before the start signal is given, this will be considered a false start.

### Maximum times

The maximum times allowed to complete the first lap and the entire selective section are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> lap: 01h45
- Total stage: 03h15

### Classification

To be classified a competitor must

- validate at least 50% of the total number of waypoints plus 1
- cross the finish line after lap 1 and lap 2 within the maximum times allowed
- enter the final parc fermé.